



RON HILL, displays the copies of "The Bungaloosa" scripts, each of which needs a singer of dancer to stage the world premiere, Dec. 8 at Howard Wrigglesworth school. Hill wrote the musical fantasy and is the director as well.

GEORGETOWN PREMIERE The Bungaloosa are coming!

There is an Indian tribe which somehow managed to convince French explorers to cook gourmet food for them, but when English conquerers arrived, good cooking vanished so the tribe came up with the forerunner of Madison Avenue's Chef of the Day—but with one big switch—if the meal failed to please, it was off with the chef's head.

The tribe is the Bungaloosa, and they are coming to Georgetown.

"Bungaloosa is an invented word," says playwright Ron Hill. It means a musical fantasy that the Georgetown Little Theatre is staging as a world premiere Dec. 8 at Howard Wrigglesworth School, says Hill and he should know. He invented the word to put a name to his play, "The Bungaloosa."

It is not the first work written by Hill that has come to life on the boards or in front of cable television cameras, although it's the most ambitious to date and has a cast of 18 singers and dancers to tell its tale. Hill is a 30-year veteran of amateur theatre, learning the ropes the hard way—from the inside out. With opening night practically in his lap on a never-staged-before play, not a voice yet to rehearse nor a foot to choreograph, Hill is surprisingly calm considering he is directing the play, too.

"I didn't want to direct it," he says. "My argument was someone else would see a new insight in it." But the GLT playreading committee, which encouraged Hill's rough outline containing the bare bones of plot, and dialogue, wouldn't take no for an answer and he got the job.

It was after that initial encouragement that he wrote the song lyrics. "But I don't know how to write songs," Hill says. "I was very lucky to get Ralph Ursell and Charlie Crimes. It was fantastic what they did with the music."

"With their music wrapped around," the emotions in the play "become so much more," says Hill.

After his musical partners orchestrate the music, the whole package will be copyrighted.

"It's no longer just my creation," Hill says. "Now it's the Bungaloosa, written by Rowland Hill, music by Ralph Ursell and Charlie Crimes."

"Our next problem," is a phrase Hill says often. Staging a new play means everything, every single thing—every movement, prop, light cue, set, costume, dance number or you name it must all be done for the first time, just like crawling walking, running. There's no handy prop list, or stage directions or music scores done in advance for you—you're the pioneer, too.

What's handy are problems.

"Our next problem," he says, "...we're looking for singers and dancers...the lead actress has to be a good singer." But don't call him, he says, leading into that phrase dreaded by all hopeful actors: "I'll call you." But instead he says: "Call Dot Hunt the producer at 877-2321."

First audition is called for Sept. 7 at Cedarvale Community Centre.

"You get a good producer," Hill says, "and it's half the battle when you're directing."

"Every phase of it is new," says Hill. "This is the reason everyone in the group is enthusiastic."

The Bungaloosa "will give Georgetown a world premiere," he says. "I hope it lives up to it."

Why did he do it?

"You get these urges," Hill says, especially in the summer time. He shrugs, then taps the scripts. Your biggest problem is finding someone who can do this. "I think we'll all learn an awful lot out of it," he says. "But it's not only a learning experience. These people are a close knit group, like a family—probably because we work with emotions—and it'll be a shared experience," Hill says, confidently. "No doubt about it."

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\$10,000 contingency fund approved for arena

Prompted by the need for new flooring at the Georgetown Memorial Arena town council is expected to set up a \$10,000 contingency fund for emergency repairs in the building's reconstruction.

While council had been told the reconstruction of the 51-year old arena would cost

about \$137,805, Consultant Alan Zeegen last week informed council of a new area in need of reappear.

The wood flooring in the arena's main lobby, he said, has deteriorated as a result of many years of use under wet shoes and skates.

Support for Site F

At least one resident of the Tremaine-Britannia area has informed regional council of support for the location of the proposed regional land fill site at location F.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Reichert, RR6, Milton, said in a letter to council received by the public works committee last week that "we accept that such an operation will not cause a significant negative impact on the area."

letter that he has been approached to join objectors to the proposal, but he says, the objectors "seem to base their position on improperly founded, evidence, without recognition that the garbage has to be disposed of adjacent to property owners."

Site F "appears to be the best from a locational and engineering point of view—your consultant's recommendations," the letter adds.

Council approved an additional \$4,500 expenditure for the installation of new floor boards that will restrict further rotting, but in discussing the possibility, of other emergency costs arising, decided that a \$10,000 contingency fund would be necessary.

Approval of the contingency fund was withheld until the next regular meeting Sept. 7. Some debate arose in discussion of the amount of the fund, after Mayor Tom Hill suggested that a \$150,000 fund be allocated. If the \$10,000 figure is endorsed, the \$4,500 expenditure would be included.

The Memorial Arena has been closed since February, when a consultant's report revealed that the structure was unsafe for public use according to revised government standards.



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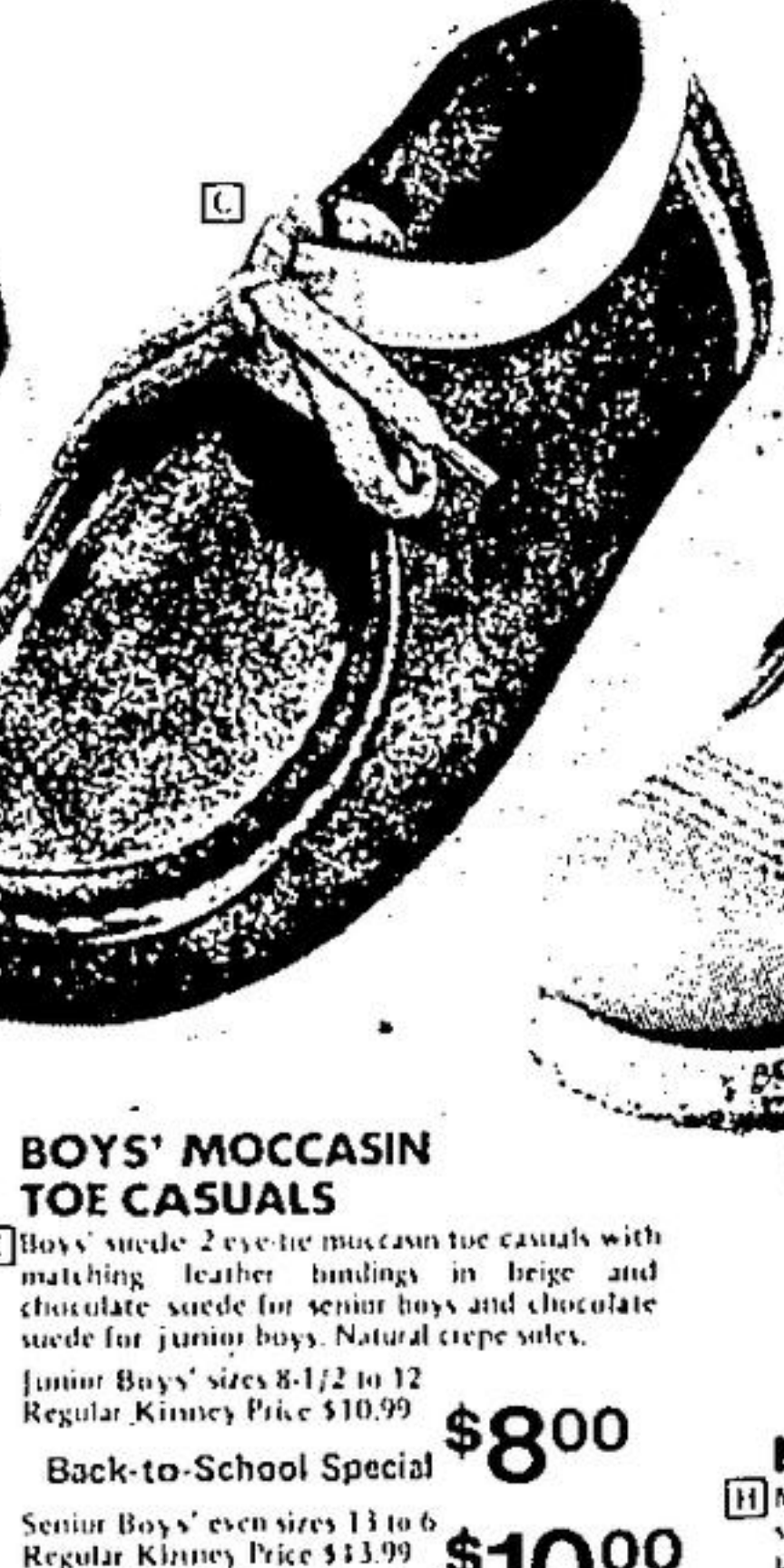
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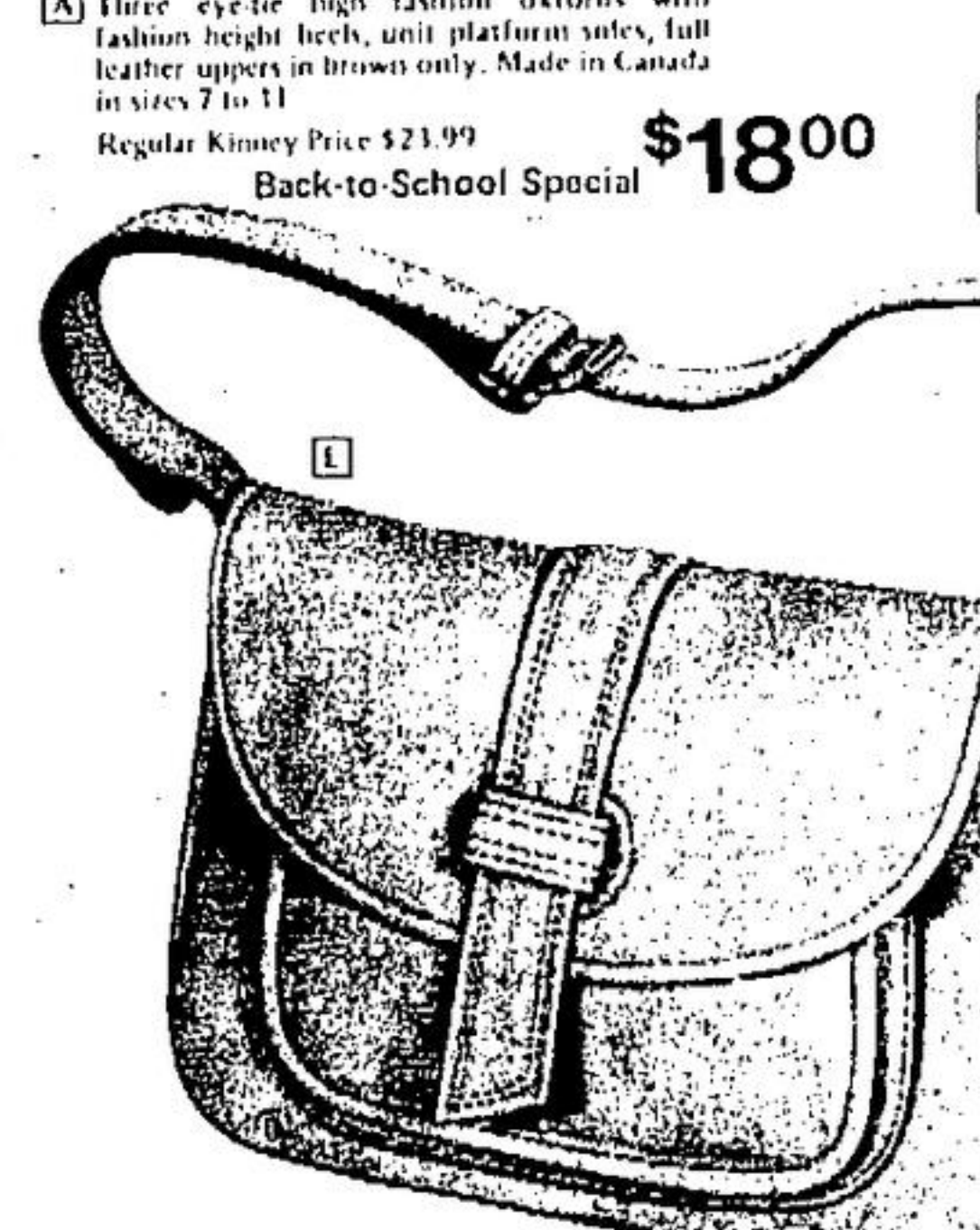
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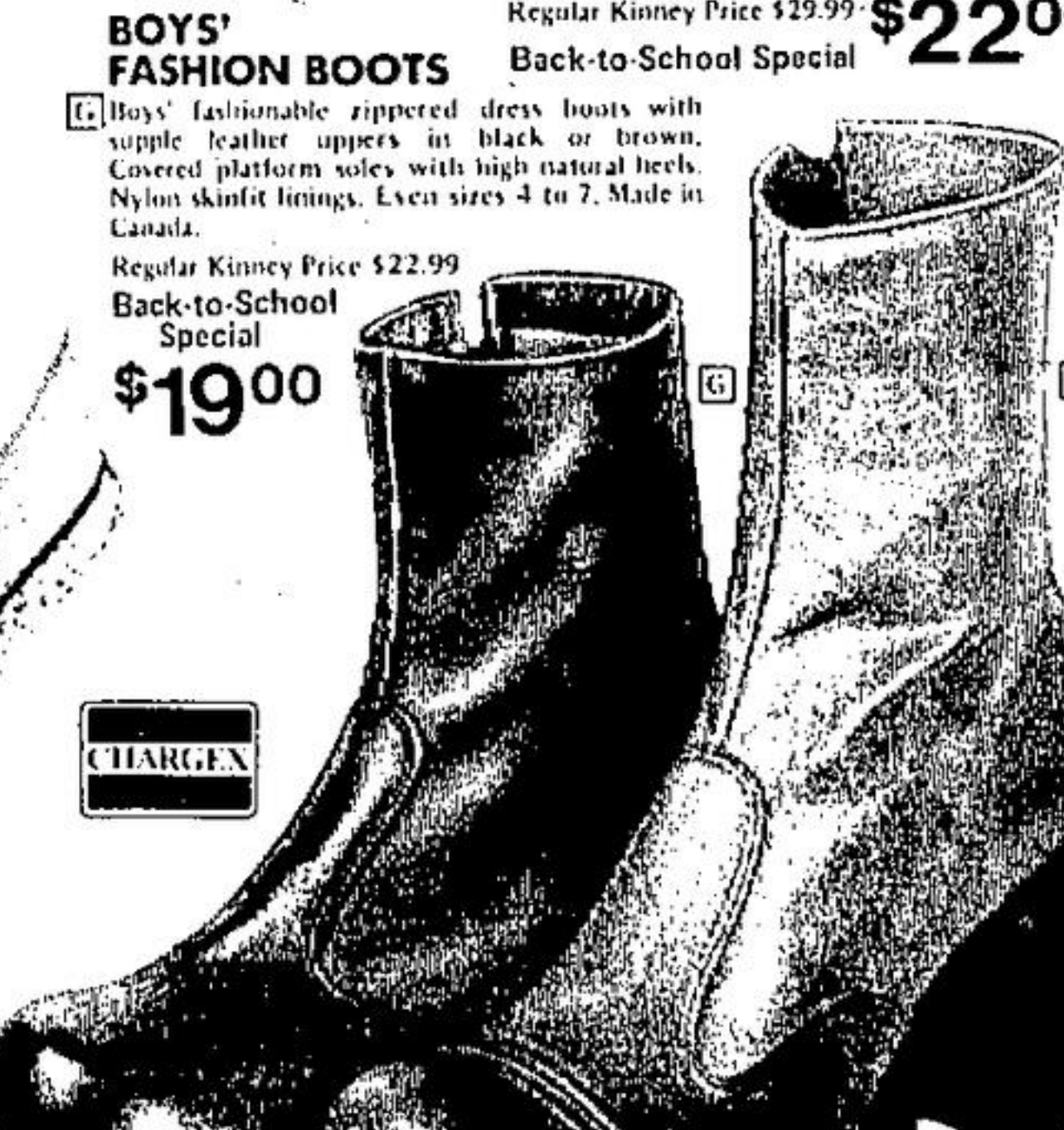
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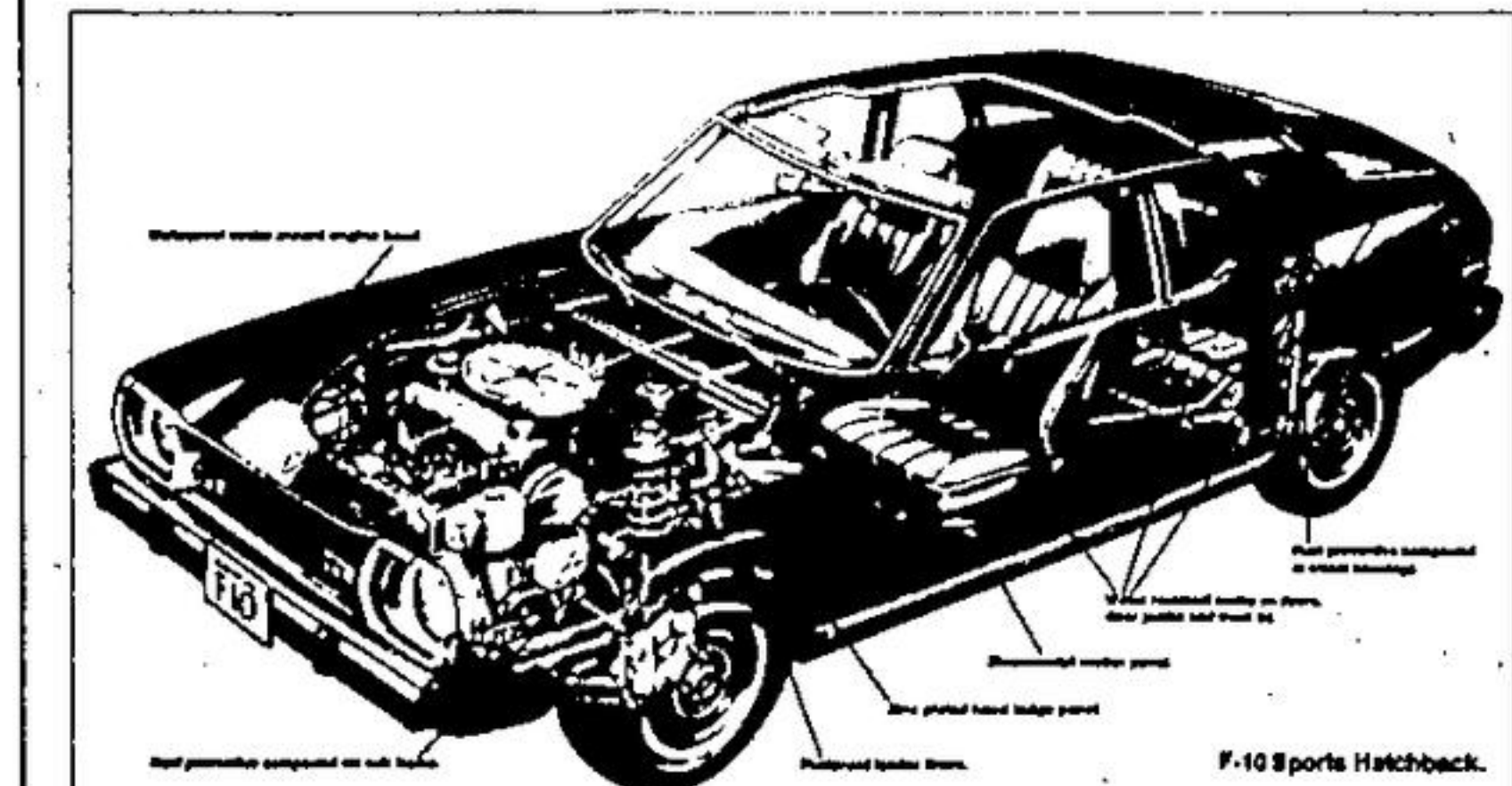
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